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Memorandum

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From: Assistant Field Manager, Solid Minerals

Subject: Comments on Proposed Rules on 30 CFR 206, 210, 216, and 218

We have review the aforementioned proposed rules as published in the Federal Register on June 5, 2001. The following are our comments:

1. The proposed rules imply that the Minerals Management Service would be the sole recipient of data submitted by the mineral lessees. Typically during our inspections, we collect data on coal production, coal shipments, coal quality, overburden/interburden removal, coal thicknesses, production maps in electronic data format, etc. Under your proposed rules, would BLM be banned from collecting this data?
2. The proposed rules state that Minerals Management Service would make all lease/mine information accessible to all BLM offices nationwide. Does this mean that lease information you collect for Casper Field Office would be available to BLM Arizona State Office? This is **NOT** desirable. It just allows more opportunity of confidential mine information to get into unauthorized hands. Besides, why would one BLM Office (Washington Office excepted) want this type of data from another BLM office?